



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Complex Regional Pain Syndrome (CRPS) is a chronic nerve disorder that affects one limb and usually develops after an injury has occurred; and
- WHEREAS: There are two types of CRPS which vary based on the cause of the condition. CRPS Type 1, also known as Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy (RSD), follows simple trauma that does not lead to direct nerve damage, whereas CRPS Type 2 follows a distinct and major nerve injury; and
- WHEREAS: CRPS is primarily characterized by pain that is more severe than expected from an injury. Symptoms of CRPS include swelling, tremors, tightening of the muscles, burning sensation, change in skin color, fluctuation of body temperature, and hypersensitivity; and
- WHEREAS: Although CRPS was first identified as early as the Civil War, the condition is still not well understood and there currently is no cure; and
- WHEREAS: Many organizations and institutions, such as the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke, are committed to furthering research of CRPS in order to identify new treatments and discover a cure; and
- WHEREAS: On November 6, 2017, Members of the CRPS and RSD community will celebrate the fourth annual Color The World Orange Day to increase public awareness of the condition and better support those affected; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim November 6, 2017, as COMPLEX REGIONAL PAIN SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



*Nathan Deal*  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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CHIEF OF STAFF